

December 11th, 2018
Village of Rapids City
Rock Island County, Illinois

President Mire paused for a moment of silence for President George H.W. Bush.

This Regular Board meeting was called to order by President Mire at 7:00p.m.
All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Present – Fiems, Clark, Fowler, Mire, Rankin, Robertson, Schneider
Absent – None.

Also Present – Attorney Mason, Treasurer Barber, Public Works Director Bump, Clerk Housenga, Dan Peterson, Julie Doty, Sarah Ford

A quorum was established.

CONSENT “Omnibus” Agenda: Rankin motioned to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes 11/13/2018, Monthly Bills 12/2018 and Treasurer’s Report presented by Barber 11/2018. Barber noted the Treasurer’s Report was published and filed with the County. Fiems seconded. All present voted yes. Motion carries.

PERSONS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD: None.

PRESIDENT –Mire: Robertson motioned to accept the presented professional services agreement as amended by the Village Attorney and approved by Azavar Government Solutions. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes.

Mire read and asked the Board to accept a presented Resolution in Support of Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations. Fiems motioned to accept the Resolution in Support of Illinois Bicentennial Celebrations. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes.

Dates for 2019/2020 budget drafting were established; Infrastructure, Public Works, Water, Sewer and Waste Management to be held January 15th at 6:30pm; Community Services, Parks and Recreation, Personnel, Finance meeting to immediately proceed the February 12th Regular Board Meeting which will be moved to 6:30pm; Review of the rough draft of the budget to immediately proceed the March 12th which will be moved to 6:30pm. Adoption of the 2019/2020 budget will be determined at a later date.

Julie Doty submitted a resignation letter from her Deputy Clerk position. Fiems motioned to accept resignation letter Julie Doty submitted 11/28/2018. Clark seconded. All present voted yes.

Mire explained he has signed the MUNICES agreement. Services will be affective January 1st, 2019.

Mire further noted the property of 535 19th Street sale has been completed.

Riverdale School District accepted the changes in the intergovernmental agreement concerning the parking of the school bus.

Mire updated everyone concerning the easements along Sulphur Creek have, 13 property owners have signed and returned their agreements; 1 property owner says they will not sign the agreement; 1 of the property owners has a meeting with Mire to address any concerns they may have; 1 owner has agreed to let contractors walk the property for investigative purposes; 2 property owners have been mailed agreements but have not been able to be reached for comments or concerns; Mire did talk with a representative of St. John’s Church whom had no objections to signing the agreement. Additional alternatives to resolve water issues may be presented at future meetings. Through discussion it was determined a conversation in a closed session may be needed to identify possible legal responsibilities at the January 8th, 2019.

POLICE REPORT – Chief Perley: Report as presented.

ATTORNEY – G. Lee: Attorney Mason had nothing to report at this time.

FIRE REPORT – Chief Carey: November report presented.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump: Report as presented. Bump explained the new department’s truck is ready for pick up. The purchase price of the fully outfitted truck is \$72,318.30. During budget meetings \$80,000.00 was approve to purchase the truck. The electronic led sign has been installed.

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DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – Bump - Continued: Programming of the sign has been difficult due to Public Works' outdated laptop that is 10 years old. The sign is not talking to the pc. Mire suggested talking with Strada Communications to help out with a solution. Mire noted during budget meetings an allotment of funds should be allocated for a new laptop for the Public Works Department.

BUILDING, ZONING & PLANNING – Fiems: 11/27/2018 a Planning and Zoning Hearing was held to requesting 15 Nettie's Hollow, parcel 06-9533, to be rezoned from R-1 (Residential District) to C-1 (Neighbor Commercial District) and a variance to be approved to allow a setback less than 50 foot to construct a building on lot #15 in Nettie's Hollow Subdivision by Dan Peterson. The Planning and Zoning Committee recommended the Board allow the passage of the rezoning and the variance. Fiems motioned to grant parcel 06-9533, 15 Nettie' Hollow be rezoned to C-1 and grant a setback variance to construct a building on the same lot. Rankin seconded. All present voted yes.

PERSONNEL & FINANCE – Clark: Clark explained Mire, eligible employees and himself met to discuss medical, dental and vision insurance. Clark recommended plans UHCRV BIEZw/307A for medical, Delta Dental Platinum PPO for dental insurance Delta Dental Option 2 Eye Med as these were agreed upon during the meeting, an increase of \$60.73 per month to the Village. Bump noted each employee pays \$6.77 per paycheck currently. Bump asked the Board to omit the employee contribution amount effective with the change of insurance as this the new plan is a downgrade from current coverage. Robertson and Fowler concurred that the Village needs to take care of its employees. Rankin motioned to accept the United Health Care medical plan BIEZw/307A as well as the Delta Dental Platinum PPO and finally Delta Dental Eye Med Option 2 as presented; additionally waive the employee contribution. Fowler seconded. During discussion Clark expressed reservations of costs. Fiems agreed but the Village does not have the benefit of a larger group. Fowler added we need to keep employees happy in order to keep them. All present voted yes.

Clark motioned to give each of the 5 employees a \$250.00 Christmas bonus. Robertson seconded. All present voted yes.

A donation was requested by the Riverdale Education Fund was received. Clark authorized a donation of \$100.00.

INFRASTRUCTURE – Rankin: Rankin reported the 4th Avenue & 13th Street Project has been completed. Total budgeted was \$30,000.00 cost for the project was \$25,302.00 due to creative engineering on Bump's part.

Rankin explained a copy of a gender neutral version of the Liquor Ordinance has been emailed to everyone to review. It was asked to each member please review and give feedback for modifications. The entire ordinance will have to be retyped to amend. Mire is hoping to amend the ordinance at the January 8th, 2018 meeting.

Mire wanted to thank Representative McCombie and her office for aiding in the grant process for the Storm Siren the Village recently applied for, as well as Rankin and Housenga.

Mire also thanked Senator Anderson and his office for aiding in the grant process for the Water Loop Project as well as MSA Professional Services.

ELECTIONS – Mire: Mire explained election packets can be returned now through 12/17/2018 for the three 4 year Trustee positions.

PARKS, RECREATIONS & CEMETERY – Robertson: Robertson is waiting to hear more about the OSLAD, a 3 minute presentation maybe required if we move on to the next phase of the granting process.

Robertson noted the IDNR will be opening granting options for dredging boat docks. Clerk Housenga will be getting more information to Fiems in the future.

ORDINANCE & LICENSES – Schnieder: None.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS, EVENT PLANNING & PUBLIC SAFETY – Fowler: Fowler noted the Children's Holiday Craft Party will be held on December 16th, 2018 from 1pm-3pm at the Community Center with special guest, Santa Claus.

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OLD BUSINESS: Fiems has drafted possible amendment to the parking ordinance to include a subsection to include parking of commercial vehicles. Please review and be prepared to discuss.

Bump has all new engine braking signs installed.

NEW BUSINESS: An Executive Session will be held at the January 8th, 2019 meeting to discuss Sulphur Creek Easements.

PUBLIC DISSCUSSION: None.

With nothing further to be discussed, Rankin motioned to adjourn this Regular Board Meeting; Fiems seconded. All members of the Board concurred. President Mire adjourned this December 11th, 2018 meeting at 9:08pm.

Clerk